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Agriculture Across the Centuries in Augusta County, Virginia*

by
Kenneth E. Koons

The agricultural history of Augusta County must be viewed in the context of its larger regional setting. Because the County lays astride a section of the Upper Shenandoah Valley, historical patterns of agriculture and rural life evident in the Valley as a whole, particularly its upper portion, appear in Augusta County as well.¹

Augusta County's agricultural heritage extends to the first effective settlement by Euro-Americans in the 1730s and 40s.² The earliest farmers of Augusta County—Scots-Irish and Germanic peoples from Pennsylvania as well as settlers of English extraction from east of the Blue Ridge—practiced unspecialized subsistence agriculture. As with pioneers everywhere, the paramount concern of Augusta's first settlers was to secure food and fiber for themselves rather than to produce for the market. Accordingly, they raised a broad range of crops and livestock.

Early farmers of the Shenandoah Valley practiced subsistence farming but they were commercially oriented so that when opportunities presented themselves, they began to produce for extra-regional markets. To the degree that pioneer farmers of the Upper Valley concentrated on any particular market enterprise, it was livestock rather than crop production. In the absence of well developed transportation facilities, livestock could be driven to market.³ After midcentury other opportunities for market production emerged. During the 1760s, for example, the Upper Valley developed into a center for the production of hemp, used for the making of rope.⁴ During the early 1770s, hemp production in Augusta County averaged over 100,000 pounds per year.⁵

¹Throughout this essay and its supporting tables and figures, unless noted otherwise, "the Valley" is defined so as to include the following counties: Frederick, Clark, Shenandoah, Warren, Rockingham, Page, Augusta, Rockbridge, and Botetourt.

²This section on patterns of agriculture in Augusta County during the eighteenth century relies heavily on Robert D. Mitchell, Commercialism and Frontier: Perspectives on the Early Shenandoah Valley (Charlottesville: University Press of Virginia, 1977). Especially helpful are Chapters 5 ("Pioneer Economy and External Contacts") and 6 ("Specialization: Agricultural Development").

³Mitchell, pp. 139-140, 147-149.

⁴Mitchell, pp. 162-172.

⁵Freeman H. Hart, The Valley of Virginia in the American Revolution (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina, 1942), pp. 8-9.

*A Paper Based on a Slide Presentation at the Fall Meeting of the Augusta County Historical Society, November 1997. Mr. Koons is a professor of history at Virginia Military Institute and a Member of The Society

Despite this early importance of hemp in the local economy, Augusta's longterm future lay in wheat production. Wheat had always been a prominent element of the product mix among early farmers of Augusta County. According to geographer Robert D. Mitchell, Staunton became a regional center for the milling and processing of wheat. Through midcentury, however, most wheaten flour produced in the County was consumed locally. But the French and Indian Wars stimulated demand for flour so that, as with farmers elsewhere in the Valley of Virginia, farmers of Augusta County began to produce surpluses of wheat. As markets for hemp diminished during the decades following the American Revolution, demand for flour continued to rise.⁶ The Wars of the French Revolution and Napoleonic era produced a dramatic expansion in world demand for flour.⁷ Augusta County farmers responded by producing ever greater quantities of wheat, thereby participating in the development of the Shenandoah Valley as a major wheat growing center of the Upper South.

During the last quarter of the eighteenth century, an economic infrastructure for the milling and marketing of wheat and wheaten flour emerged as, gradually, wheat production developed into the mainstay of the Valley farm economy. Mitchell estimates there to have been about 100 grist mills in the Upper Valley at the time of the Revolution (with 13 of them within a five mile radius of Staunton), and about 200 by the end of the century.⁸ By the turn of the century, the Shenandoah Valley had become "the most important wheat and flour-producing region of the entire south."⁹

During the nineteenth century wheat continued as the chief staple of the Shenandoah Valley. Throughout this century, Valley farmers produced a disproportionate share of the Virginia wheat crop. In 1850, for example, farmers of the Valley worked only 9 percent of Virginia's improved acres of land but produced 22 percent of the state's wheat crop.¹⁰ In

⁶Mitchell, pp. 167-176.

⁷Avery O. Craven, Soil Exhaustion as a Factor in the Agricultural History of Virginia and Maryland, 1606-1860, University of Illinois Studies in the Social Sciences, Vol. XIII, No. 1 (March, 1925) (Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 1926); reprint ed. (Gloucester, Mass.: Peter Smith, 1965), pp. 77-78.

⁸Mitchell, pp. 144 and 175.

⁹Mitchell, pp. 175.

¹⁰Unless noted otherwise, all nineteenth-century agricultural production statistics mentioned in the narrative or found in Table 1 and Figures 1, 2, 3, and 4, are from the relevant printed, bound census volumes, as cited fully below: U.S. Department of State, Sixth Census: or, Enumeration of the Inhabitants of the United States, as Corrected at the Department of State in 1840 (Washington, D.C.: Blair and Rives, by Authority of an Act of Congress, Under the Direction of the Secretary of State, 1841); U.S. Census Office, Seventh Census of the United States: 1850. Embracing a Statistical View of Each of the States and Territories, Arranged by Counties, Towns, etc. (Washington: Robert Armstrong, Public Printer, 1853); U.S. Census Office, Population of the United States in 1860; Compiled from the Original Returns of the Ninth Census (Washington, D.C.: Government Printing Office, 1864); U.S. Census Office, The Statistics of the Population of the United States; Compiled from the Original Returns of the Ninth Census, (June 1, 1870) (Washington, D.C.: Government Printing Office, 1872); U.S. Census Office, Compendium of the Tenth Census (June 1, 1880), Compiled Pursuant to an Act of Congress Approved August 7, 1882, Revised ed., Part I, Agriculture (Washington: Government Printing Office, 1885); U.S. Department of the Interior, Census Division, Abstract of the Eleventh Census: 1890, Second ed., revised and enlarged (Washington, D.C.: Government Printing Office, 1896); and U.S. Census Office, Abstracts of the Twelfth Census of the United States, 1900 (Washington D.C.: Government Printing Office, 1902).

this year, wheat production in Augusta County, at over 419,000 bushels, was surpassed by only two other counties in the Commonwealth—Rockingham County, immediately north of Augusta, and Loudoun County, in the northern Piedmont. One historian's comparison of wheat productivity in ten multi-county regions encompassing portions of the states of Virginia, Tennessee, Kentucky, Missouri, and Georgia, shows that, in 1850, farmers in a four county portion of the Shenandoah Valley that included Augusta, produced almost twenty bushels of wheat per capita, while farmers of the other nine regions produced fewer than six bushels per capita.¹¹ In 1860, on the eve of the Civil War, although production fell to slightly over 300,000 bushels, Augusta remained the third highest wheat producing county in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

As elsewhere in the Shenandoah Valley, many farmers of Augusta County owned slaves who assisted them in the various tasks associated with agricultural enterprise, especially wheat production. During the antebellum period, the distribution of slaves was highly uneven in the Valley. In Clarke County, for example, at midcentury slaves accounted for nearly half of the total population while in nearby Shenandoah County, they accounted for about 7 percent of the total population. Augusta County lay between these two extremes. There, at midcentury slaves composed about 20 percent of the population, a figure that matches the proportion of slaves in the Valley population as a whole.¹²

During the Civil War the capacity of farmers of the region to produce grain led to the Shenandoah Valley's renown as the "breadbasket of the Confederacy." What about after the Civil War? The Civil War stands as one of the great discontinuities of nineteenth-century agriculture in the Valley. Armies of invasion and occupation stripped the Valley of its agricultural products — whatever foodstuffs and livestock could be used to feed troops. Barns and gristmills were burnt, crops destroyed, and livestock confiscated or killed. Historical evidence of this kind of activity is abundant. Data presented in Table 1 indicate that the Valley's agricultreual economy, including that of Augusta County, suffered enormous devastation during the War. Numbers of all types of livestock as well as crops fell, quite dramatically in some cases.

¹¹Lewis Cecil Gray, History of Agriculture in the Southern United States to 1860, 2 vols. (New York: Peter Smith, 1941), p. 876.

¹²Percentages calculated on the basis on data contained in Seventh Census of the United States and Population of the United States in 1860. An informative discussion and analysis of the role of slaves in local farm society may be found in Nancy Sorrells, "Francis McFarland and the Black Community," unpublished paper on deposit at Carrier Library, Special Collections, James Madison University, Harrisonburg, Virginia.

As also shown in Table 1, however, wheat represented an exception – it was the only major field crop for which production actually increased in the Valley during the decade of the War.

Table 1: Change, 1860-1870, in Number of Each Type of Livestock and in Production of Major Field Crops, Shenandoah Valley and Augusta County

Number of:	Shenandoah Valley ^a	Augusta County
Horses	-6,354 (-18.7%)	-1,253 (-14.2%)
Milk Cows	-3,021 (-11.3%)	-209 (-3.2%)
Other Cattle	-17,215 (-29.9%)	-2,883 (-20.3%)
Swine	-67,881 (-48.8%)	-11,882 (-38.1%)
Sheep	-24,215 (-35.7%)	-4,802 (-36.9%)
Bushels of:		
Wheat	125,937 (7.1%)	155,561 (50.6%)
Corn	-1,607,052 (-54.2%)	-472,150 (-62.7%)
Rye	-88,725 (-40.6%)	-27,644 (-48.1%)

^a The agricultural production data for Shenandoah County, as found in the 1870 printed census volume (see note 10), do not seem reliable. Accordingly, in calculating the statistics shown here for the "Shenandoah Valley," data for Shenandoah County have not been included.

In the war torn society of the late 1860s, farmers of the valley continued to rely on wheat as a cash crop in order to earn money to rebuild, and farmers of Augusta County led the way. Whereas farmers in the Valley generally increased their production of wheat by over 7 percent, farmers of Augusta County increased their production of wheat by over 50 percent.

Historical writings about the effects of the Civil War on agriculture in the Valley suggest that the War destroyed the capacity of farmers to produce at higher levels.¹³ This certainly was not the case for wheat, however, for Valley farmers continued to produce wheat in prodigious amounts through the remainder of the century and into the twentieth century as well. During the period from 1870 to 1900, Valley farmers increased their production of wheat by over 1.3 million bushels: from slightly over 2 million bushels in 1850 to over 3.5 million bushels in 1900. To an even greater extent than before, at the end of the century Valley farmers continued to produce a disproportionate share of the state's wheat crop. By 1900, with about 13 percent of the total improved acres in the state, Valley farmers produced almost 40 percent of the state's wheat crop.

All during this last third of the century, Augusta County was a leading wheat-producing county of the Shenandoah Valley. In 1870, 1880, 1890, and 1900—census years for which comparative agricultural production data are available—Augusta County had more acres planted to wheat than any other Valley county, and was the highest wheat-producing

¹³For example, see John T. Schlebecker, "Farmers in the Lower Shenandoah Valley, 1850," *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*, Vol. 79, No. 4 (October 1971), p. 476.

county in the Valley. In 1900, with 823,580 bushels of wheat, Augusta's farmers produced nearly a quarter of that year's wheat crop in the Valley, and nearly a tenth of that year's crop in the Commonwealth. In 1880, 1890, and 1900, at 222, 328, and 298 bushels, respectively, the average wheat production per farm in Augusta County was higher than that of any Valley County except Clark. Also, in 1900, farmers of Augusta County devoted a greater proportion of their improved acres to wheat production (24.3 percent), than the farmers of any county of the Valley except Clark (25.0 percent).¹⁴

A prime factor which contributed to farmers' capacity to produce wheat at rapidly accelerating levels during the post-War era was the advent of new mechanical implements and equipment. Until the middle third of the nineteenth century, productivity gains in agriculture resulted largely from new agricultural techniques and more extensive cultivation rather than from labor saving mechanical devices. Until this era, American farmers used basically the same tools as farmers of classical antiquity. Valley farmers, including those of Augusta County, participated in the nineteenth-century mechanical revolution in agriculture by investing in expensive, horse-powered (and thus labor-saving) mechanical implements such as grain drills for the sowing of wheat, reapers for the harvesting of wheat, threshers for separating grains of wheat from their stalks, and wheat fans for separating wheat from the chaff. By the 1880s, many farmers employed steam power (rather than horse) to drive mechanical threshers.¹⁵

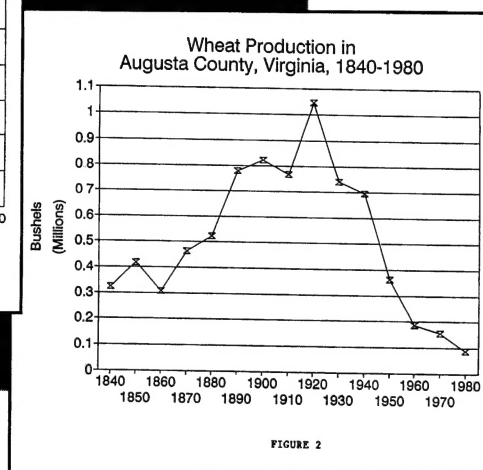
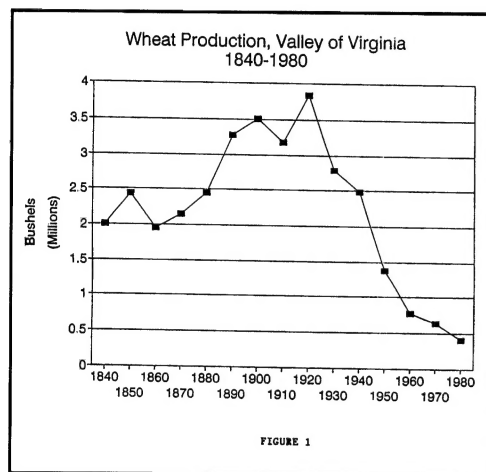
Although farmers of Augusta County grew wheat as their principal crop, it was not grown to the exclusion of other crops. Farmers concentrated on the production of wheat, but they did so within the context of what human geographers refer to as general, mixed agriculture. Wheat was only one crop grown in a system of agriculture in which farmers grew a wide array of crops and raised a variety of domesticated farm animals, much as they had since initial settlement. As indicated above, even in counties of the Valley where wheat production was most intense, e.g., Augusta County, only about 25 percent of the improved acres were devoted to wheat production, leaving 70 or 75 percent of the remaining arable land for growing crops other than wheat. Corn was the principal secondary crop. Other principal field crops cultivated included oats, rye, barley, and various artificial grasses. These crops provided foodstuffs for human consumption as well as grain, fodder, and pasture for livestock. The types of livestock kept by farmers of nineteenth-century Augusta

¹⁴These extraordinary levels of wheat production were achieved despite a secular trend of decline in the price of wheat all during the latter third of the nineteenth century. Excellent discussion and analysis of this may be found in Richard K. MacMaster, *Augusta County History, 1865-1950* (Salem, West Virginia: Don Mills, Inc., for the Augusta County Historical Society, 1988), pp. 99-100 and 102-103. Data on prices of wheat during the nineteenth century may be found in Arthur G. Peterson, *Historical Study of Prices Received by Producers of Farm Products in Virginia, 1801-1927* (Blacksburg, Virginia: Virginia Polytechnical Institute Agricultural Experiment Station, in cooperation with the Bureau of Agricultural Economics of the United States Department of Agriculture, 1929).

¹⁵MacMaster, pp. 100-102, discusses the advent and spread of mechanization on farms of Augusta County during the latter half of the nineteenth century. The diaries and account books of A.H. McCue (Virginia Historical Society, Richmond), contain evidence of the gradual process of mechanization on a farm in east-central Augusta County (near Fishersville) during this period.

County included horses, cattle, swine, and sheep. Horses served as draft animals, while cattle provided meat and dairy products. Swine were ubiquitous and served as a main source of animal protein, while sheep were valued mainly for their wool.¹⁶

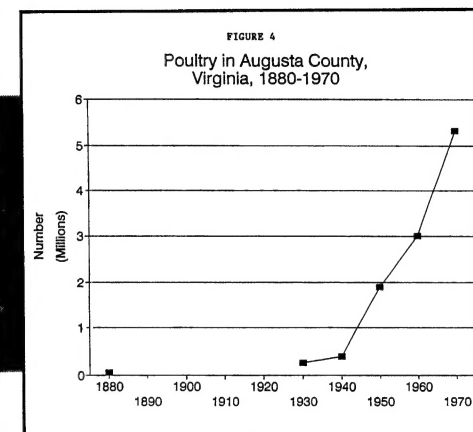
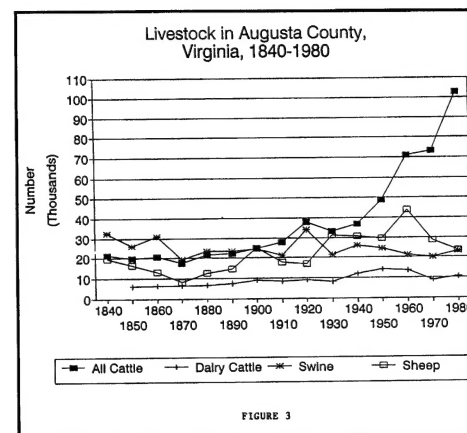
Regional emphasis on the production of wheat within a system of general, mixed farming continued into the twentieth century until the decade of the 1940s (Figures 1 and 2).¹⁷ As during the nineteenth century, Augusta County remained a leading wheat producing county of the Valley. In each of the census years 1910, 1920, 1930, and 1940, Augusta's farmers devoted more acres to wheat production than the farmers of any Valley County. Also, except in 1930 when Augusta's production of wheat was exceeded by Rockingham's, Augusta County outproduced all other Valley counties, quite substantially in a number of instances. In 1920, for example, Augusta County was the only county in the Valley in which wheat production exceeded one million bushels.



¹⁶The McCue diaries and account books provide richly detailed information about mixed, general farming with an emphasis on wheat, in east-central Augusta County during the last third of the nineteenth century. An interesting account of practices relating to sheep husbandry during the 1850s, authored by Augusta County farmer S.F. Christian, may be found in *Southern Planter*, XVI (February 1856), pp. 45-47.

¹⁷Unless noted otherwise, all post-1900 agricultural production data cited here are from Virginia Crop Reporting Service, "County Farm Statistics" (Richmond: Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, 1982). The twentieth-century data, although shown as pertaining to years ending in zero, pertain actually to each previous year (years ending with the digit nine). For the sake of consistency with nineteenth-century data, I have labelled the data as pertaining to years ending with zero. (In this regard, it is also worth mentioning that nineteenth-century agricultural data were collected during years ending with zero, but the data pertain to the previous crop year).

During the 1940s, a fundamental shift in the nature of the agricultural economy of Augusta County occurred (Figure 2). A mechanical revolution (epitomized by the widespread adoption of tractors), a biological revolution (e.g., hybridization of plants and animals), and a chemical revolution (pesticides and herbicides) combined to produce a new agricultural economy in Augusta County and the Valley at large, one based on grass farming and livestock production.¹⁸ Farmers abandoned wheat as a cash crop and turned increasingly to the production of sheep, cattle, and poultry (Figures 3 and 4).



This shift, in turn, created a land-use revolution that altered the rural landscape of Augusta County in highly visible ways. For greater than a century, farmers subjected their improved lands to the annual round of tillage required for production of wheat and other field crops. The seasonal rhythms of sowing and harvesting a broad array of crops created variety in the appearance of the landscape. Although present-day farmers of Augusta County have not abandoned tillage agriculture altogether, in the last half century the trend among farmers has been to convert large acreages to the production of permanent grasses so that, now, large expanses of pasture lands for the grazing of cattle dominate rural vistas. Also, in recent years the built landscape of Augusta County's rural settings has come to include highly visible, long, rectangular, shiny metal buildings where industrial methods are used for the large-scale production of poultry.

Whereas diversity of product mix has been a central feature of farming as it was traditionally practiced across the centuries in Augusta County, the modernization of agriculture that occurred in the mid-to-late twentieth century has resulted in increasing specialization of production. For most of the history of Augusta County, however—from the era of the American Revolution until the World War II era—the primacy of wheat production in the regional farm economy has been a major element of continuity in the agricultural history of Augusta County and the Valley of Virginia.

¹⁸These are national developments discussed in standard surveys of the history of American agriculture. Especially recommended are John T. Schlebecker, *Whereby We Thrive: A History of American Agriculture, 1607-1972* (Ames: Iowa State University Press, 1975), and R. Douglas Hurt, *American Agriculture: A Brief History* (Ames: Iowa State University Press, 1994).



McKinley, Virginia*

One Hundred Years in Augusta County

1896-1996

by
Irvin Rosen

A short time ago someone asked me how long I had lived in McKinley. I told them I could not remember when I did not, that I was born here in 1915 and three weeks ago I had a birthday then one week later my wife had a birthday. We both are 81.

One hundred years ago, in 1896, there was a very small general store, two churches and five homes here. A very small village. William McKinley was campaigning for the office of president of the United States. He won.

Money was scarce and times bad (my father told me) so one of the first projects Mr. McKinley sponsored was to establish Post Offices at every small village. McKinley was named for him and I am told that it is the only village in the state that is named for a national president while in office. This is one of 86 post offices in Augusta County at that time. Now there are less than 30.

The small general store owned by Mr. Robert Arehart at that time was also the McKinley Post Office. He was the post master until my father and mother (Finley and Sally and a daughter Ethel) bought the Store and Log house in 1902. My sister Evelyn was born in the log house. The post office was closed in 1908. My father was glad because he wanted to do carpenter work full time again. He sold the store building and log house and built a new home nearby. (I was born in the new house).

*Presented at the fall meeting of the society held at McKinley.

Up to this time this area was called Gravley Hills, because of the very rocky soil. You can find large piles of rocks on many farms here today. Now the name was changed to McKinley. The altitude here is 2200 ft. above sea level compared to 1495 ft., at Staunton (at the C & O depot). Several rivers start here and that is the reason we are in Riverheads District of Augusta County.

The first Church was a union Church, used by three denominations; the United Brethren, Lutheran and German Reformed. This log Church built in 1842 was destroyed by fire c 1870. The United Brethren built a new church here, the Lutherans went nearby and built a brick church in 1872 named St. Marks, (now named Redeemer) the German Reformed we do not know.

In 1902 this present Church was built with the leadership of C.S. Yeago. The name has been changed to McKinley United Methodist. Many of the family names still live on Sensabaugh, Arehart, Reed, Miller, Clemmer, Cason, Rosen, Golliday, Craig, Lucas, Whitesell, Wade, Spitler, Runkle, Patterson, Grimm, Buchanan and Yeago.

We thank the Augusta County Historical Society for bringing this meeting to McKinley and helping us celebrate our 100th birthday. A special thanks to: Nancy Sorrells, Joe Nutt and Ann McCleary.

The Joy of Local History*

by
Katharine L. Brown

You and I are ordinary persons, and our experiences are a "passage through time of ordinary mortal dimensions." We are mostly not the stuff of which statesmen, diplomats, and heroes are made. That does not mean that our lives, and those of our predecessors here in Augusta County are not the stuff out of which history is made. We ARE the raw material of history. So are our parents, grandparents, great-grandparents, their friends, co-workers, ministers, and handymen.

The stories of microcosms such as Augusta County and the ordinary mortals who create and inhabit them make wonderful, exciting history. But sometimes, we may think of local history as "second class" history. We may believe that the really important history occurs in Washington, Beijing, or Paris, or on Civil War battlefields.

I don't think for one moment that local history is second class history. I simply think that historians were a little slow to recognize it as important. Most of us have grown up with a political creed, democracy, that exalts the value of the rights and political opinions of the individual citizen. Most of us have also grown up with a religious creed in the Judaeo-Christian tradition, which values the individual soul as a unique creation of the Almighty.

Yet, where we have subscribed to the equality of individual citizens and individual souls, we have been slow to accept the experiences of ordinary individuals in everyday localities in the past as significant in history. Our academic understanding has lagged behind our political creed and our theology.

We learned early that the really important things about history were the deeds of that group we might call "great white men." The mortals who inhabited our childhood texts were kings, princes, presidents, and generals. Common white folk, minority or racial groups, women and children were simply not interesting subjects for historical study. And why not? Because they were not in positions of sufficient power to make a difference. "Real" history was about the POWER. Power was demonstrated on battlefields, in the halls of Congress, in corporate headquarters or around diplomatic tables. Important events did not occur in kitchens, farm fields, sweat shops, factories, or in the shops, churches, or schools of small towns.

The new social history of the past two decades challenged that idea, and made a place for a serious study of local history. I want to look at the fun side of local history – the field that I spend much of my professional life researching, writing, and teaching, mostly at museums. It has been a joy for me to have had the opportunity to influence the way history is interpreted to everyday Americans and foreign visitors at three excellent local museums – the Stonewall Jackson House, the Woodrow Wilson Birthplace, and the Frontier Culture Museum.

Local history is more than a job or a career. It is a hobby, an avocation, and a passion. I would like to share that fun side of it with you this evening. When the Frontier Museum

closed for the first week in January, I found an incredibly cheap flight to London and settled in for a research feast. On returning, someone asked me, "How was your trip to London?" I babbled on about my research in the manuscripts at the British Library, and in the papers of the Bishop of London at Lambeth Palace. He listened politely, then asked "Did you do anything that was fun?"

It was fun! Working in the rare manuscripts room of the British Museum where some of the most beautiful medieval manuscripts, and papers of kings, queens, and prime ministers are saved was fun! Stumbling across a collection of letters to British officers written from the Shenandoah Valley during the French and Indian War was exciting! Finding letters in that collection written from an ancestor stationed in Winchester during that War was a delightful surprise!

My world is filled with persons no longer among the living, but whose lives are so interesting to me that I feel as if I really have known them. That interest in the past was piqued by my first visit to Williamsburg in 1948. That was total enchantment, and the beginning of a life-long love affair with the 18th century and with historic buildings. Each return to Williamsburg is nearly as wonderful as that first visit. I hope that our own living history experiment at the Frontier Culture Museum captures the imagination of hundreds of the youngsters in that same way, and will make them want to know more about the historic cultures interpreted there that are so important to the understanding of this part of Virginia.

It was my great good fortune to grow up in a four generation household until I was in high school. To live in a rambling Victorian house built by my great-great grandfather in 1878, and that was also inhabited by a cook and a houseman of great age, whose parents had been slaves was an adventure and a privilege. I remember my great-grandmother, born in 1859, telling me about being carried on her father's shoulders to see Lincoln's funeral train come through town.

My first attempt at researching history was recorded in a pocket diary found in the attic. I came upon it again, packed among childhood treasures. My childish effort was an interview with my great-grandmother in 1951. I was trying to get her to tell me about her husband's eight siblings in Clarke County, in the Lower Shenandoah Valley. Some were killed in the Civil War, and one moved to Mexico rather than live under Yankee rule. Those notes I took are a sorry lot—what I would give to be able to talk to her today! This is not to make a big deal of my family. My point is to remind you that early childhood contacts leave a strong impression on children. My plea to each and every one of you is to use your golden opportunity to pass the story of your family along to your children and especially to your grandchildren or your great nieces and great nephews.

Every family has an interesting story. I learned that when I was a young and inexperienced teacher in the sixties. When Madison and I were first married, he was the advisor to a fraternity in Pennsylvania which sponsored an annual lecture for the university. The chapter had engaged a man to lecture about his family history research. As the "adult advisors," Madison and I were invited to have dinner with the speaker. I was fascinated with his project and thought that it might be used in the classroom. His book appeared the next year. His name was Alex Hailey, and the book was *Roots*.

A couple of years later in St. Louis, I was teaching at a community college whose student body was 50% blue collar descendants of European immigrants, and 50% descendants of African-Americans who had migrated north to work in war industries. Few cared for history. They took my American Civilization course only because it was a state requirement for their vocational certificate. History writing and teaching rarely related to them or their experience. Remembering Alex Hailey's work, I abandoned the traditional term paper

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on sleep-inducing topics such as "Causes of the American Involvement in World War I." Instead, I asked them each to research and write how events such as the Great Depression or World War II affected their family or a neighbor family they "adopted." A few resisted this, proclaiming that their family's business was none of my business. But, they did the assignment. The finished papers blew me away. Many students admitted that they had never thought of asking their grandparents and parents about the family's experiences. The stories of these ordinary people living out their ordinary lives were extremely moving and very interesting.

The experiences of sharecroppers picking cotton in Mississippi and living in dogtrot shacks, then deciding to move north to seek city jobs were stories of true endurance. One student wrote of her Swiss grandmother's youth as a maid for a St. Louis industrialist's family, and of the humiliation of carrying the silver chest up to the lady's bedroom every night, and waiting while each piece of flatware was counted out to be sure that the servants had not stolen any. These are valid ventures into local history in that community. They are rich with human interest. They tell much that is not in textbooks, but that gives us a sense of life in a bygone time.

There are endless adventures and enchanting moments for anyone doing local history. Local history does not require an advanced degree or a trip to the Library of Congress or the National Archives. Local history can be done in our court houses. Reading the old deeds, or wills, or estate inventories, or court order books for the early years of Augusta County is fascinating. If you don't believe me, just ask Katherine Bushman—she has read every one of them! The manuscript collections at UVA, W&L, and JMU have letters and diaries from all kinds of fascinating folk from Augusta County. Try your hand at this sometime! Local history can be done by interviewing local people, and writing up the interview. The Augusta County Historical Society is to be commended for sponsoring an oral history workshop, and acquiring the equipment to enable local people to carry out oral history interviews. This is a resource that each and every one of you can use. Please do!

My first "hands-on" venture in Virginia local history came twenty years ago when we moved to Lexington. I had time on my hands and no job prospects. A kind clergyman/professor knew I was bored, and sensed that I might be the person to carry out a project for a history of the Episcopal Church in Southwestern Virginia. It was the most wonderful way to learn this part of the state. I find it hard to write about places I have never seen, so I set out to visit each of the 50 churches from Staunton to Big Stone Gap. We decided to fit the Tazewell church into a trip to collect our two boys and their friend at church camp at Hungry Mother State Park at Marion. The ride on a twisting dirt road over the mountain to Tazewell was a real taste of southwestern Virginia. By the time we reached Tazewell, the children's stomachs were so churned that we let them out of the car and they all promptly threw up. They gave their all, or at least their lunch, for the cause of local history.

Another time, I was possessed to see a long-abandoned Gothic chapel in a remote rural area outside of Lynchburg. We headed there one hot July day - I was 8 months pregnant. We found the building locked and overgrown with weeds. I was determined to see the window over the altar, reputedly a memorial to a young minister killed in a buggy accident in the 1880s. That required hoisting my bulk up onto a window sill in a most unladylike fashion. We accomplished the goal, read the inscription, and felt a real sense of sadness at the tragic event on a country road a century ago that took a young man's life, and left a congregation with no shepherd.

My excursions into Irish local history have been a joy. Until a dozen years ago, I knew nothing about Ireland or Irish history, and cared even less. A brief business trip there left me fascinated with the land and curious to learn more. The path I chose to that knowledge was

to track one of the few immigrants swinging from my family tree who had emigrated from Ireland. He left Ireland in 1720 and settled on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. The only thing I knew was that his father was a clergyman in the Church of Ireland-luckily. This became a superb detective game that filled evenings and weekends on this side of the water and a year's worth of them when I was in Ireland on a fellowship.

Clues to this emigrant's family turned up in the clerk's handwriting on the vellum pages of giant books of deed memorials. I perched on the upper rung of a ladder and dragged these tomes down from high shelves in the top floor of the 18th century Registry of Deeds building in Dublin—it looked like something out of a Dickens novel. I needed to understand their context. This caused me to read many books on Irish history, and pore over maps, and prowl through museums. It sent me walking the streets of Dublin to find buildings surviving from the early 18th century. These included the church where that long ago ancestor was rector—abandoned and sold to house an artists' co-operative when I first saw it. The handsome box pews had been ripped out. Where the altar had stood, there hung a huge painting of a nude male. When Nancy Sorrells and I were in Dublin last year, we visited the church. The once-handsome Baroque church had changed hands again, was much spiffed up, and was now a retail store for paints and wallpaper.

I went out to the tiny village in County Carlow where my immigrant ancestor had grown up at the turn of the 18th century, when his father was dean of an ancient Irish cathedral nearby. The village church was in ruins, with only the tower remaining, the cemetery where my family probably lies was lost under weeds, and the gate locked. But there was a little house by the gate, and the woman who lived there came out to see if she could help me. I explained my mission. She invited me into her cottage where a kettle boiled over the turf fire, made me a cup of tea, and we chatted. She was following in the footsteps of her father and grandfather who had been sextons for the church while it still stood, and she did what she could to maintain the grounds. I've been back to visit Olive several times. We exchange Christmas cards, and each time I'm there, it is a satisfying experience to stand on that hilltop by the old ruins, look over the river Barrow, see the 12th century bridge and the ruins of the castle in the town and know that my own flesh and blood nine generations ago stood in that same spot and saw much the same sight in that sad and beautiful land.

My other project in Ireland was also local history. I am intrigued with the Anglo-Irish poet and hymnwriter, Cecil Frances Alexander. Her name is not a household word, but most of you know some of her hymns—All Things Bright and Beautiful, Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult, There is a Green Hill Far Away, Once in Royal David's City. I decided to research her life and work, and learn her mid-19th century Ireland—a different Ireland from that of my late 17th and early 18th century family history project. But the techniques are the same. The adventures were great. All my friends in Ireland and all my relatives and friends who visited me there were pressed into service on a research expedition.

At Rathmullan in Donegal I wanted to visit a country house where Mrs. Alexander had stayed and written a poem. Fortunately, it is now a luxury hotel and accessible to the public. Two friends and I had a lovely afternoon tea in the parlor and imagined Fanny doing the same thing a century and a quarter earlier. I wanted to learn more about the family she had visited, who were long dead. My Irish friends asked around a bit, and was advised to go to the White Stag pub and ask for Harry. When we arrived, Harry's wife was tending bar, and was not so forthcoming. We sipped our Guinness slowly, and when she went out back for a break, Harry appeared and gladly told us what he knew about that gentry family. He said we really should talk with Annie Sheridan who had been a maid at the country house in the 1930's. He told us where to find her, and then said "You'd better hurry, she always goes to 7

o'clock mass, and its 10 to seven now." We arrived in time to see her get in a car and head for church. We went to mass, then came by her house, knocked on the door, said Harry sent us. She invited us in, offered us a glass of sherry, showed us the university graduation photo of her grandson. Then she told us all about being first a maid and then a cook for this "faded gentry" family in the 1930s, when the elderly spinster ladies who had been children when Fanny Alexander visited, were collecting eggs on their once-grand estate and selling them in the village to make ends meet.

I was possessed to see Ballykeane, the house in County Wicklow where Fanny spent her childhood. It was a stud farm in private hands. I could not have found it if my life depended on it. But I did not have to risk my life. A good turn I did someone ended up earning me access to Ballykeane. Our youngest son was in a boarding school in Dublin the year I was in Belfast. One day, he had phoned to ask if I would do a big favor for his friend Philip. Philip wanted a special tent with his birthday money. It was only available in a British store that had no outlet in the Republic. Would I please buy the tent for Philip in Belfast and bring it to Dublin the next time I came? I'm an easy pushover, so I said "sure." Bought the fool tent, dragged the thing on a train to Dublin, hauled it around the city to the Irish Department of Agriculture building, where I deposited it with a stranger who was a deputy commissioner there, and who could get it down to Philip's family who farmed near the village of Tinahely in County Wicklow. His mother phoned me in Belfast to say a big thanks and that she wished she could do me a good turn.

Are you surprised that months later, when I needed to see Ballykeane farm somewhere in County Wicklow, I phoned Philip's mother for help?! It turned out that Philip's father was cousin to the former owner of Ballykeane. Unfortunately, the cousin had been killed in a horse box accident, but Philip's parents had some acquaintance with the Swedish couple who had bought the stud farm, and would arrange for me to visit. She put me in touch with another cousin who took me to Ballykeane, and to her own house wedged between a 12th century Norman Castle ruin and the parish church where Fanny grew up. She also took me to the ruins of a grand Georgian house in the Wicklow hills that was much like our Westover on the James, where Fanny had often visited as a child. These encounters enriched my understanding of my subject, Fanny Alexander, but also helped me to understand rural Ireland, and the tensions between the majority native Irish Catholic population, and the minority Anglo-Irish Protestant ruling class. It was only possible through the kindness of local people who appreciate the fact that someone is interested in the story of their place and their people.

The road through County Wicklow is not always strewn with rose petals. When I was driving Nancy around in Wicklow last year in our miniature rental car to visit descendants of connections of Fanny's family, we saw from time to time a quaint phrase on their road signs: "Beware, Road may subside." We weren't exactly sure what that meant. We learned the way all fools do—experience. The road "subsided" altogether, and we found ourselves making a very intimate acquaintance with a tall, mean hedgegrow. Our tire was punctured and the rim whacked out of shape. We had to get two men away from watching the finals of the all-Ireland hurling match on the telly to help us change the tire. (That's kinda like dropping in on strangers on Super Bowl Sunday). A passing motorist even called the rescue squad. What can I say—it was a local history adventure.

One day in 1995, a letter appeared in my mailbox at the Museum from a 90 year old farmer in Maghera, County Londonderry, named Sam Shiels. He inquired about the Ulster turnip planter he had donated to the Museum years ago, and asked incidentally, if we were familiar with Staunton's first Presbyterian minister, who had come from Maghera, John

Glendy. My first reaction was "John who?" Can the old gentleman be confused? I ran the name by some Presbyterians, and they seemed as bewildered as I. Here was some local history that needed investigation! We worked on him a bit, and little by little, squeezed some very interesting information out of church records and county records and Augusta County's walking encyclopedia, Katherine Bushman. Out went feelers to a family historian in Tidewater, and back came a long phone call and some great family stuff. The University of Virginia had a rare publication that Glendy issued in Staunton. The circle spread wider, as I hooked up with a church in Baltimore, with the Maryland Historical Society, and the curatorial office of the United States Senate. Piece by piece, Glendy's life in Virginia and Maryland fell into place, and was very interesting. I'm not going to say a word about it—that is part of my talk tomorrow night at the Museum, so if curiosity is killing you, you'll have to come out again!

What was missing was the story of his life in Ireland. Nancy and I had already woven Glendy into the paper we have on the social and economic aspirations of Presbyterian ministers at a conference in Northern Ireland. What better opportunity than to do some research on him over there, before he emigrated to Virginia. We were delighted to find Glendy documents on the huge emigration database at the Ulster American Folk Park. Then the kindly old farmer, Sam Shiels, comes back into the picture. We visited him in the rambling stone farmhouse at Maghera that his family has occupied for a couple of centuries. We climbed all around the ancient church ruins and cemetery on the hill above his farm and visited the Presbyterian Church built to replace Glendy's church which the British army burnt down when he was suspected of revolutionary insurgency in 1798. John Glendy came very much alive in this whole process on both sides of the Atlantic. A simple question from an old man set us on a wonderful chase, and brought us new understanding of a part of Staunton's and Augusta County's past.

This year, as we all know, Staunton is celebrating the 250th anniversary of its founding. I help with a committee for the birthday that decided to undertake and encourage the writings of parts of Staunton's past for the newspaper. In the 16 years I've lived here, I've heard many many questions about why the city is called Staunton, and why it is pronounced so peculiarly? , and who was Lady Rebecca Staunton anyhow? So, I decided to find out. The project has absorbed most of my spare time since November. This is a small part of local history that can be writ large. This lady, wife of our royal governor, William Gooch, who played such an important role in opening up the Valley of Virginia for settlement, links us to the wider world of the British Empire to our capital in Williamsburg, to imperial politics, and to our rich heritage from England. I've chased Lady Rebecca all over Virginia and back across the Atlantic. I found her birth record and that of her siblings in the Mormon family history center in Charlottesville. I read a dissertation about her husband in order to milk out the drops of information about her. I've found a couple of letters from her published decades ago in scattered periodicals and books of limited circulation. I've corresponded and visited with curators at Colonial Williamsburg, the Virginia Historical Society and the Muscarelle Museum at William and Mary to see objects in their collections. I've read her will, and checked out everyone who received a bequest from her. I've hounded the poor woman from the cradle to the grave. I know her story now. It is a story with grand moments, but it is a sad story too. Knowing her story makes me feel as if I know her. In her, history comes alive for me. My task is to tell her story so that it comes alive for others too.

Hers is a "passage through time of an ordinary mortal." That is what all of history is about—people and their stories. This is especially true of local history. All of us here share in the privilege of being guardians of our local history heritage. It is a privilege that I see as a great joy, and I hope you share in that joy.

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Name of Deceased	Date of Death	Place of Death	Date of Paper
Anderson, Joseph	Tuesday	Ferrol, Augusta Co.	27 Jan.
"Abe", oldest negro in state	112 Years	Point Pleasant, WV	2 Mar.
Adams, Mr. Hugh	10 Mar.	Chicago, IL	23 Mar.
Arthur, Jesse	Wednesday	Mason Co., WV	30 Mar.
Alexander, Mrs. Rebecca Ann Willis	22 Mar.	Charlottesville	30 Mar.
Austin, Isaac O.	Monday	nr Richmond	6 Apr.
Akers, young man	27 Mar.	Summers Co., WV	13 Apr.
Allen, Mrs. Lavinia V.	Saturday	Staunton	1 June
Arbuckle, Nellie Vanlear	30 May	Greenbrier Co., WV	8 June
Ackerly, Mrs. Peter	7 June	nr Natural Bridge	6 July
Ackerly, Mr. Peter	18 June	nr Natural Bridge	6 July
Armstrong, Mrs. Annie E.	23 Aug.	nr Middlebrook	7 Sep.
Armstrong, Mr. J.B.F.	Tuesday	Page Co.	21 Sep.
Armstrong, Mr.	Monday	nr Ronceverte, WV	12 Oct.
Aitken, David	25 Oct.	Staunton	26 Oct.
Aylett, Mrs. E.A.	Wednesday	Richmond	23 Nov.
Agard, Mr. Isaac N.	28 Nov.	Baltimore, MD	30 Nov.
Arnall, Miss Gussie	Thursday	Augusta, GA	14 Dec.
Allemong, Miss Hattie F.	13 Dec.	Hampton	14 Dec.
Armentrout, John H.	4 Dec.	Rockingham Co.	21 Dec.
Alderson, Mrs. Cornelia P.	14 Dec.	Monroe Co., WV	21 Dec.
Allen, Mrs. Mary Ann	Friday	Richmond	28 Dec.
Brinley, Jack	recently	Louisville, KY	13 Jan.
Button, Robert P.	Thursday	Washington city, DC	27 Jan.
Burke, Alexander "Blind Alex"	Tuesday	Harrisonburg	27 Jan.
Benson, Columbus C.		Norfolk	3 Feb.
Berie, Hon. Adolph E.	Thursday	Philadelphia, PA	10 Feb.
Brown, Mrs. Eliza	17 Jan.	nr Sangersville	10 Feb.
Boisseau, Mr. Andrew J.	Today	Petersburg	17 Feb.
Backus, Dr. Thomas F.	Saturday	New York City	17 Feb.
Barbour, Miss Sallie	1 Feb.	Culpeper	17 Feb.
Beck, George	Monday	Long Island, NY	17 Feb.
Bowly, Mr. Franklin	Tuesday	Lancaster Co., PA	24 Feb.
Bicket, Mr. James	8 Feb.	Monroe Co., WV	24 Feb.
Bailey, Willie	Thursday	Roanoke Co.	2 Mar.

Bayley, Rev. John	Tuesday	Lynchburg	2 Mar.
Brown, Mr. Archibald	Thursday	Rockbridge Co.	2 Mar.
Baldwin, Mary Celestine	24 Feb.	nr Baltimore, MD	9 Mar.
Bartley, Mr. John	30th ult	Midway, Augusta Co.	9 Mar.
Beall, Dr. Ed.		Hampshire Co., WV	9 Mar.
Berekley, Mrs. Frances A.	24 Feb.	Fredericksburg	9 Mar.
Brown, Rev. Jos.	14 Feb.	Bryan, TX	9 Mar.
Bruce, Mr. James K.	29 Feb.	Albemarle Co.	9 Mar.
Bright, Mrs. Margaret	5 Mar.	Greenbrier Co., WV	16 Mar.
Bachman, Michael	Wednesday	Annville, PA	23 Mar.
Beard, Mr. Jno.	11 Mar.	Mint Spring, Augusta Co.	23 Mar.
Bear, Mrs. E.	3 Mar.	Augusta Co.	30 Mar.
Bryan, Juliet Francis	19 Mar.	Augusta Co.	30 Mar.
Bell, Mr. Wm. F.	2 Apr.	Staunton	6 Apr.
Black, James	Sunday	Dinwiddie Co.	20 Apr.
Burke, Mrs. Jane Elizabeth	10 Apr.	Augusta Co. ?	20 Apr.
Bowman, Mrs. Georgeana	4 Apr.	Charleston, SC	20 Apr.
Baker, Captain	Friday	on Norfolk & Petersburg RR	27 Apr.
Burton, Abram	Thursday	prob Petersburg	4 May
Bigger, Col. Thomas B.	Wednesday	Richmond	11 May
Brown, Mrs. Alex G.	8 May	Augusta Co.	18 May
Busey, Rev. Dr. Ezra F.	Thursday	Baltimore, MD	18 May
Brunk, Christian	3 May	Rockingham Co.	18 May
Brunk, Mrs. Barbara Funk wife of Christian	1858	prob Rockingham Co.	18 May
Boyd, Laura Wardlow	12 Apr.	Augusta Co.	25 May
Brown, Mr. John	13 May	West View, Augusta Co.	25 May
Barnhart, George	21 Apr. 1832	Augusta Co.	1 June
Barnhart, Catharine (Myers)	6 Mar. 1826	Augusta Co.	1 June
Barnhart, George J.	10 Dec. 1851	Augusta Co.	1 June
Bowyer, John C., Esq.	31 May	Staunton	1 June
Beard, Mrs. Emma	1 June	Staunton	8 June
Barton, Reeves Armadelle	3 June	Staunton	15 June
Bodkin, Mr. Robert	Thursday	Highland Co.	22 June
Brothers, James	few days ago	Isle of Wight Co.	29 June
Baker, old man	Saturday	Harrisonburg	6 July
Brady, James S. H.	Saturday	Staunton	6 July
Bivens, Mrs. Virginia	June/July	Greenbrier Co., WV	6 July
Bunting, Rev. James	Thursday	Oak Grove, MD	6 July
Barton, Mr. J. M.	5 July	Rockingham Co.	13 July
Burke, Mr. T. T.	Saturday	Alleghany Co.	13 July
Bunch, Mr. George G.	29 July	Staunton	3 Aug.
Bell, Miss Mary J.	10 Aug.	nr Churchville, Augusta Co.	17 Aug.
Beard, Mrs. Sallie Y.	1 Aug.	Rockbridge Co.	24 Aug.
Benson, Mrs. Elizabeth	yesterday	Norfolk	31 Aug.
Benson, C. C., chief of police	January	Norfolk	31 Aug.
Beirne, Mrs. Betty	1 Sep.	Monroe Co., WV	7 Sep.
Brown, Mr. Wm. G.	Saturday	Staunton	14 Sep.
Burke, Thomas N.	31 Aug.	Rockbridge Co.	14 Sep.
Bumgardner, Mrs. Rebecca	30 Aug.	Augusta Co.	14 Sep.
Byrd, Mary Ann	3 Sep.	Williamsons	14 Sep.
Board, Pleasant	Thursday	Greenbrier Co., WV	28 Sep.
Boothe, Mr. L. M.	Thursday	Charlottesville	28 Sep.
Bradburn, Edward Cornelius	24 Sep.	Newport, Augusta Co.	28 Sep.

Brent, Mrs. Susan	22 Sep.
Bowers, Mrs. Elizabeth	10 Oct.
Bragg, Miss Sarah T.	22 Oct.
Burrus, Mr. Paul	Thursday
Brumwell, Lee	Monday
Burdett, Mr. Sam'l K.	28 Oct.
Breckenridge, Robert Wright	9 Nov.
Branch, Wm. A.	Sunday
Brown, Charles	Yesterday
Bosserman, Mr. Jacob	4 Dec.
Bright, Mrs. Abram	8 Dec.
Brockway, Mr. Urson F.	15 Dec.

Case, Leonard	Tuesday
Curtis, Chas. C.	3 Mar. 1879
Carroll, Mrs. Mary/Mollie	25 Jan.
Claiborne, Mrs. Elizabeth Archer	15 Jan.
Clinebell, Mr. Benjamin	
Cunningham, Mrs. Maria	26 Jan.
W. Gilmer	
Cannon, Isaac	Thursday
Carroll, James	17 Apr. 1879
Callender, Miss	8 Feb.
Carson, Robert	19 Feb.
Clark, Jas.	Thursday
Carico, male	Saturday
Cleek, Mrs. Annie E. S.	7 Feb.
Cook, Daniel	Monday
Coffman, Mr. Erasmus	Wednesday
Corley, Mr. J. M.	Monday
Crockett, Mr. Henry E.	Wednesday
Criss, Miss Elizabeth	few days ago
Coleman, Mrs.	26 Mar.
Crowell, John R.	Friday
Campbell, Mrs. Mary J.	4 Apr.
Crawford, Mr. Wm. B.	few days since
Crosley, George	Tuesday
Carpenter, James P.	Thursday
Cooke, Mr. James	Wednesday
Coleman, Geo. W.	Sunday
Cline, Mr. Christy	9 Apr.
Cregar, Mrs.	Tuesday
Croxton, Mr. Samuel	Sunday
Caldwell, child of Mr. Granville	
Cassell, Mr. Charles	Saturday
Clay, Mr. Maston	Monday
Clemens, Sherrard	Sunday
Catlett, Nathaniel P.	13 May
Coughlin, John	Saturday
Caddall, Mr. John	few days ago
Campbell, Mrs. George	Friday
Cleek, Mr. Wm.	20 July
Cochran, William Boys	Thursday

Winchester	5 Oct.
nr Middlebrook, Augusta Co.	26 Oct.
Staunton	26 Oct.
Proprietor of Variety Springs	26 Oct.
Greenbrier Co., WV	2 Nov.
Monroe Co., WV	2 Nov.
Staunton	16 Nov.
Modesto, CA	23 Nov.
Staunton	23 Nov.
nr Burke's Mill, Augusta Co.	21 Dec.
Monroe Co., WV	21 Dec.
Bath Co.	28 Dec.

Cleveland, OH	13 Jan.
Richmond	13 Jan.
Staunton	27 Jan.
Fincastle, Botetourt Co.	27 Jan.
Rockbridge Co.	10 Feb.
Fort Stephens,	10 Feb.
Dakota Territory	
Fauquier Co.	17 Feb.
Frederick Co., MD/VA	24 Feb.
Rockingham Co.	24 Feb.
nr Moscow, Augusta Co.	24 Feb.
New York	2 Mar.
Wythe Co.	9 Mar.
Bath Co.	9 Mar.
nr McConnellsburg, PA	23 Mar.
Rockingham Co.	23 Mar.
nr McKendrie on C & O RR	30 Mar.
Staunton	30 Mar.
Cumberland Co.	6 Apr.
Louisa Co.	6 Apr.
nr Alderson, WV	6 Apr.
Highland Co.	13 Apr.
Peoria, IL	13 Apr.
Accomac Co.	20 Apr.
Page Co.	27 Apr.
New York, NY	4 May
nr Lynchburg	11 May
Augusta Co.	11 May
nr Mt. Airy	18 May
Danville	18 May
nr Fincastle	8 June
prob Wythe Co.	8 June
Alderson, WV	8 June
St. Louis, MO	8 June
Staunton	15 June
in New River, WV	15 June
Pulaski Co.	29 June
Page Co.	6 July
Pocahontas Co., WV	6 July
Augusta Co.	6 July

Carroll, Patrick	Monday
Crawford, Thomas Preston	Saturday
Collins, son of Thos.	Wednesday
Cook, Clara Belle	14 July
Cootes, Benjamin Franklin	15 July
Campbell, Wm.	Saturday
Chapman, Capt. J. S.	Friday
Cushing, Mrs. Ann E.	13 Sep.
Campbell, Mr. Jas. S.	Thursday
Crowder, Mr. Chas. S.	Tuesday
Coffman, Mrs. Susan F./Mary S.	Wednesday
Campbell, Dr. Edward D.	Tuesday
Cramer, Mr. S. J.	7 Nov.
Canada, Clem	3 Nov.
Conode, Harvey	Nov.
Converse, Mr.	5 Dec.
Conley, James Thomas	28 Nov.
Cromer, Mrs. Lucretia	16 Dec.

Davis, Benjamin	Tuesday
Davis, Mr. Lochlynn L.	24 Jan.
Dunn, Mr. James	25 Jan.
Davis, Wm.	Tuesday
Darnall, Mrs. Isabella M.	5 Feb.
Diggs, E. L.	Tuesday
Dempsey, _____	Friday
Dixon, Andrew	wk before last
Dawson, Mr. John	Thursday
Daley, Patrick	6 Mar.
Dickinson, Dr. Charles R.	Monday
Dickenson, Col.	22 Mar.
Davidson, Dr. J. S.	last summer
Dixon, Collins	recently
Dixon, father of Collins	several yrs. ago
Dixon, brother of Collins	last year
Dunbar, John	Wednesday
Daingerfield, Judge Wm. P.	Wednesday
Durbarrow, Dr. Wm. H. H.	28 Apr.
Does, Mr. John W.	Sunday
Dural, Miss Jennie	Sunday
Dickinson, Miss Delia	Friday
Dull, Mr. Michael	Tuesday
Dudley, Mrs. G. W.	12 May
Dejarnette, Mollie	Thursday
Daggy, Mrs. Hannah	24 Aug.
Dawson, Mr. Nelson	1 Oct.
Dundore, Jacob, Esq.	23 Sep.
Doggett, Bishop David S.	27 Oct.
Dodson, Reuben	Saturday
Durvin, Mr. Benjamin F.	10 Nov.
Dold, Dr. Henry M.	29 Nov.

Denise, Mr. R.	Tuesday
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Bodie, CA	13 July
Augusta Co.	13 July
Frederick Co.	20 July
Staunton	20 July
Staunton	20 July
Staunton	7 Sep.
Alexandria	14 Sep.
Staunton	21 Sep.
Rockbridge Co.	5 Oct.
Staunton	12 Oct.
South English, Iowa	2 Nov.
Lexington	9 Nov.
Greenbrier Co., WV	16 Nov.
Loudoun Co.	23 Nov.
Giles Co.	7 Dec.
Rockingham Co.	7 Dec.
Spottsylvania Co.	14 Dec.
Rockingham Co.	28 Dec.

Richmond	6 Jan.
Greenbrier Co., WV	3 Feb.
Monroe Co., WV	3 Feb.
Parkersburg, WV	10 Feb.
Milton, NC	17 Feb.
nr Kanawha Falls, WV	17 Feb.
nr Kanawha Falls, WV	17 Feb.
Rockbridge Co.	17 Feb.
Morgan Co., WV	24 Feb.
Wheeling, WV	16 Mar.
Louisa Co.	23 Mar.
Fayette Co., WV	30 Mar.
Montgomery Co.	6 Apr.
Colorado	6 Apr.
Alexandria	6 Apr.
Yazoo City, MS	6 Apr.
Comstock, MI	6 Apr.
San Francisco, CA	11 May
Philadelphia, PA	11 May
Danville	18 May
Staunton	18 May
Summers Co., WV	22 June
nr Hebron Church, Augusta Co.	29 June
Waynesboro	13 July
Danville	20 July
Greencastle, IN	28 Sep.
Afton	5 Oct.
Rockingham Co.	5 Oct.
Richmond	2 Nov.
Greenville, SC	9 Nov.
Alleghany Co.	16 Nov.
nr Tinkling Spring Church	30 Nov.
Augusta Co.	
Norfolk	21 Dec.

Estill, Edith Claget	4 Jan.	Portsmouth	13 Jan.
Eaton, Newton	Wednesday	Clay Co., IL	30 Mar.
Evans, Wm. A.	Saturday	Ganneton, WV	6 Apr.
Estill, Prof. Harry	Sunday	Augusta Co.	18 May
Eichelberger, Baylor	Sunday	Verona, Augusta Co.	22 June
Ettinger, Mr. Joel	Sunday	Staunton	24 Aug.
Estep, David	Sunday	Rockingham Co.	14 Sep.
Edmiston, Miss Bertha	Saturday	Winchester, VA	21 Sep.
Estep, Robert	Tuesday	Shenandoah Co.	21 Sep.
Erwin, Hugh, Esq.	30 Sep.	New York, NY	26 Oct.
Fitzhugh, Henrietta S.	recently	Charleston, WV	6 Jan.
Fuller, Wm.	nr Christmas	Danville	6 Jan.
Fitzgerald, Charles	Thursday	Lynchburg	13 Jan.
Fleming, W. W., Mr.	Friday	Churchville, Augusta Co.	13 Jan.
Farmer, child of Mr. F. J.	Wednesday	Winchester	27 Jan.
Fleisher, Capt. Solomon	24 Jan.	Highland Co.	3 Feb.
Fry, Mrs. Sarah	22 Feb.	Alleghany Co.	2 Mar.
Firth, Mr. R. M.	Monday	Middlebrook, Augusta Co.	9 Mar.
Frey, Miss Margaret J.	6 Mar.	nr New Hope, Augusta Co.	16 Mar.
Figgatt, William L.	31 Mar.	Lexington	13 Apr.
Figgatt, Mrs. Sarah J.	Apr.	Lexington	13 Apr.
Fishburn, Mrs.	30 Apr.	nr Verona, Augusta Co.	4 May
Ferguson, Mr. Harvey P.	Thursday	Edingburg, OH	18 May
Foote, Ex-Gov. Henry S.	Wednesday	Nashville, TN	1 June
French, James	Tuesday	nr Fredericksburg	1 June
Feamster, Paul Thomas	1 June	Greenbrier Co., WV	8 June
Frohlichstein, Mrs. Sarah	3 June	Mobile, AL	15 June
Funk, Rev. Solomon	13 June	Singer's Glen, Augusta Co.	22 June
Floyd, Mrs. Latitia	12 Dec. 1852 ?	Virginia	6 July
Fuller, Francis D.	30 June	Staunton	6 July
Fitzsimmons, Rev. Father	Wednesday	Keyser, WV	10 Aug.
Francis, Miss	23 July	nr White Gate	17 Aug.
Frame, son of Jefferson	last week	Staunton	7 Sep.
Funkhouser, Mrs. Mary J.	Friday	Staunton	7 Sep.
Frame, Mrs. Lavinia	4 Sep.	nr Spring Hill, Augusta Co.	28 Sep.
Fraley, Wm.	15 Sep.	Rockingham Co.	5 Oct.
Forrest, Charles	Saturday	Norfolk	2 Nov.
Fultz, Mrs. Margaret	Saturday	"Bear Wallow", Augusta Co.	30 Nov.
Griffith, William H.	Thursday	Baltimore, MD	6 Jan.
Gordon, Wm. F.	29 Dec. 1879	Fort Concho, TX	20 Jan.
Granger, Peter	Tuesday	Richmond	27 Jan.
Garland, Samuel Meredith, Esq.	Thursday	Amherst Co.	3 Feb.
Gilbert, John L., Rev.	Wednesday	Frederick Co.	3 Feb.
Grubbs, Erastus	Friday	Page Co.	3 Feb.
Gum, Adam L.	within last 6 months	Highland Co.	3 Feb.
Griffing, Mrs. Mary E.		Chenango Co., NY	16 Mar.
Gallilee, Andrew	Saturday	Portsmouth	23 Mar.
Glover, John	Wednesday	nr Clover depot on Richmond & Danville RR	23 Mar.
Golladay, Mrs. Martha K.	15 Apr.	nr Newport, Augusta Co.	27 Apr.

Gilmore, Jonas	Tuesday	Central City, Dakota Territory	18 May
Garrison, Mrs. Anna Crickenberger	8 June	nr Mt. Vernon Forge	22 June
Godwin, Mrs. Lucy	13 June	Lexington	22 June
George, Mr. James Brown	Friday	Baltimore, MD	13 July
Graham, Dr. Archibald	16 Aug.	Rockbridge Co.	24 Aug.
Graham, wife of Dr.	few days before	Rockbridge Co.	24 Aug.
Grant, daughter of Minnie Grant	Friday	Augusta Co.	30 Nov.
Gay, Mrs. Edward S.	Thursday	Atlanta GA	21 Dec.
Goodson, Mr. S. W.	last week	North Carolina	28 Dec.
Houston, Hon. George S.	Wednesday	Athens, AL	6 Jan.
Hovey, Frances	Saturday	Lyons, NY	6 Jan.
Hovey, father of Frances	Saturday	Lyons, NY	6 Jan.
Haven, Bishop	recently	Lynchburg	13 Jan.
Harrison, Frank	Wednesday	Prince George Co.	13 Jan.
Hirth, Geo. Phillip	Wednesday	Washington city, DC	13 Jan.
Harrison, Wirt, Maj.	Friday	Richmond	13 Jan.
Henderlite, George W.	Friday	Washington city, DC	27 Jan.
Harrison, Mr. John	Tuesday	Rockingham, Co.	27 Jan.
Hill, Calvin S., Capt.	Monday	Norfolk	27 Jan.
Hudson, Mrs. Isaac	few days since	Bland Co.	3 Feb.
Hudson, Mrs. G.T.	few days since	Bland Co.	3 Feb.
Huff, Mr. Lewis M.	2 Feb.	Nichols Co., WV	17 Feb.
Hawley, Cyrus T.	Sunday	Milwaukee, WI	17 Feb.
Harper, engineer	Friday	nr Washington, PA	17 Feb.
Herman, John	Sunday	nr Newburg, WV	24 Feb.
Hiveley, Miss Rebecca	28 Feb.	Rockingham Co.	9 Mar.
Haile, Mrs., mother of Columbus Haile, Esq. of Staunton		Florida	9 Mar.
Hahn, Dr. cremated	Tuesday	Washington, PA	16 Mar.
Hardesty, Mrs. A.R.	5 Mar.	Wheeling, WV	16 Mar.
Humphries, Col. Alex. R.	Monday	Monroe Co., WV	23 Mar.
Hayes, Patrick	Tuesday	Philadelphia, PA	30 Mar.
Hayes, Mrs. Patrick	Tuesday	Philadelphia, PA	30 Mar.
Hilliard, W.H., son of Jacob	last week	Page Co.	30 Mar.
Hicklin, James C.	19 Mar.	Highland Co.	30 Mar.
Hartman, Edward	last spring	Lumberton, NC	6 Apr.
Haynes, Rev. Dr. J.A.	Tuesday	Loudoun Co.	6 Apr.
Humphreys, Mrs. Mary	2 Apr.	Staunton	6 Apr.
Harlow, son of Mrs.	Thursday	nr Ferroll, Augusta Co.	20 Apr.
Hulvey, Mrs. Mary E.	18 Apr.	nr Mt. Sidney, Aug. Co.	20 Apr.
Haymaker, Mr. William	Monday	Winchester	27 Apr.
Horton, Mr.	Sunday	Macon, MS	4 May
Hall, Mrs. Sarah	Sunday	Roanoke Co.	11 May
Hart, Mr. Jacob	7 May	nr Greenville, Augusta Co.	18 May
Hevener, Miss Emma	5 May	Highland Co.	18 May
Harnsberger, Miss Mollie	8 May	Rockingham Co.	18 May
Harper, Mrs. Phebe	9 May	Pendleton Co., WV	18 May
Hamilton, Mr. Daniel C.	22 May	Highland Co..	1 June
Holmes, Mrs. Martha A.	26 May	Ritchie Co., WV	8 June
Hussey, Mr. Frank	Saturday	Alleghany Co.	22 June
Herndon, Mrs. M.A.	14 June	Alleghany Co.	22 June

Lackey, Mrs. Willie	17 Sep.	Variety Springs, Augusta Co.	28 Sept.
Link, David	Thursday	Rockingham Co.	28 Sept.
Lara, Miss Mary	30 Sept.	Staunton	5 Oct.
Logan, George	28 Sept.	Harrisonburg	5 Oct.
Livesay, Miss Grace	Monday	Pocahontas Co., WV	2 Nov.
Long, Mrs. Martha M.	12 Nov.	New Market	23 Nov.
Lewis, Rella	Sunday	New Hope, Augusta Co.	30 Nov.
Lowman, Joseph C.	15 Nov.	Alleghany Co.	21 Dec.
McBride, Fanny	Sunday	Connellsville, PA	6 Jan.
Meade, Jno. N.	Tuesday	Frederick Co.	13 Jan.
Michael, Joseph	1 Jan.	Rockingham Co.	13 Jan.
Milnes, Lizzie E.	27 Dec. 1879	Shenandoah Iron Works	13 Jan.
McNemara, Patrick	Thursday	Orange Co.	20 Jan.
May, Mrs. John	Tuesday	Pittsylvania Co.	27 Jan.
May, Miss Kate	Tuesday	Pittsylvania Co.	27 Jan.
Mohler, Col. Jacob	22 Jan.	Baltimore, MD	3 Feb.
Mathews, Mrs. Mary J.	22 Jan.	prob Pulaski Co.	3 Feb.
Marshall, James	Wednesday	Winchester	17 Feb.
Manning, Rev. John N.	Saturday	Norfolk	17 Feb.
McClure, Mrs. Mary A.	January	Park Co., IN	24 Feb.
McCreery, Johnny	Thursday	Upshur Co., WV	2 Mar.
Moses, Wm.	Sunday	on Va. & Tenn RR	2 Mar.
Montague, Hon. Rob't L.	Wednesday	Middlesex Co.	9 Mar.
Moore, Wm. T.	16 Feb.	Rockbridge Co.	9 Mar.
Mills, Mrs. Anna Eliza	27 Feb.	Hinton, WV	9 Mar.
McDowell, Mrs. Lizzie	3 Mar.	Greenbrier Co., WV	16 Mar.
McGiamery, Mrs. Mary P.	16 Mar.	Augusta Co.	23 Mar.
Merritt, Adam	17 Mar.	in Greenbrier River	30 Mar.
Mosely, John H.	Monday	Charlotte Co.	30 Mar.
Meadows, Mr. Joseph	8 Mar.	Summers Co., WV	30 Mar.
Moore, Mrs. Jane	14 Mar.	Pocahontas Co., WV	30 Mar.
McCaul, Mrs. Lucinda	22 Mar.	Lexington	6 Apr.
McCarthy, Edward	Tuesday	Richmond	13 Apr.
Moore, Miss Ida	2 Apr.	Rockbridge Co.	13 Apr.
McWhorter, Col. John	14 Apr.	Lewis Co., WV	27 Apr.
Mann, T. J.	Sunday	nr Nashville, TN	4 May
Markwood, Mr. James	Monday	Waynesboro, Augusta Co.	4 May
Moore, Geo.	Sunday	nr Lynchburg	11 May
Matheney, Lew	Saturday	Big Sandy, WV	11 May
McDonald, Mike	Thursday	Richmond	11 May
McCausland, Mr. John J.	26/27 Apr.	Pittsburg, PA	11 & 25 May
Myers, Mrs. Minerva	Sunday	Augusta Co.	18 May
Mayo, Mrs. Henrietta	10 May	Augusta Co.	18 May
Mill, Mrs. R. L.	Monday	Raleigh Co., WV	1 June
Mathews, Mr. Andrew G.	19 May	Pulaski Co.	1 June
Matthews, Capt. William	Sunday	Appomattox Co.	1 June
McLaughlin, Mrs.	Saturday	Staunton	1 June
Meadows, Mr. Jonathan	June	Summers Co., WV	8 June
Mayo, Mrs. Fannie L.	29 May	Ashland, KY	8 June
McCutchen, Mrs. Ann K.	26 May	nr Shemariah Ch, Augusta Co.	8 June
Meadows, Mr. Anderson	31 May	Monroe Co., WV	8 June
McCandlish, Capt. J. W.	Saturday	Summers Co., WV	15 June

Marshall, Russell	June	Richmond	15 June
McCutchan, Mr. Addison	Friday	nr Shemariah Ch., Augusta Co.	15 June
Morton, William Dennis	17 May	Morganfield, KY	15 June
McCue, Signora	19 June	Staunton	22 June
Morgan, Col. Samuel D.	10 June	Nashville, TN	29 June
Miller, Luther DeWitt	22 June	Rockingham Co.	29 June
Miller, Mr. Jonathan	29 June	Rockingham Co.	6 July
Maxwell, Moses	18 June	Waynesboro	6 July
McMillion, Mr. Beverly W.	8 June	Greenbrier Co., WV	13 July
Martin, Mrs. Elizabeth C.	yesterday	Staunton	13 July
Munden, Mr. C. D.	Thursday	Princess Anne Co.	20 July
McCormick, P. J.	Tuesday	nr Quinniment	20 July
McClung, Miss Agnes Reid	10 Aug.	Staunton	17 Aug.
Mangus, Mr. Daniel	Saturday	Botetourt Co.	7 Sep.
Miller, Capt. Jacob C.	Thursday	Roanoke Co.	14 Sep.
Meade, Richard H.	Friday	Richmond	28 Sep.
McPherson, W. C., Esq.	22 Sep.	Huntsville, AL	12 Oct.
Madison, James	Saturday	prob Staunton	2 Nov.
Marooney, Dennis	Saturday	Danville	2 Nov.
Moffett, Miss Annie T.	Tuesday	Waynesboro	2 Nov.
Miller, Rev. Thos.	November	Shenandoah Co.	9 Nov.
McMullin, Hon. Fayette	Monday	Wytheville	16 Nov.
Noyes, George	Tuesday	St. Johnsbury, VT	6 Jan.
Nadenbousch, Hester J.		Martinsville	13 Jan.
Newkirk, son	recently	Summers Co., WV	27 Jan.
Norvell, Capt. Lorenzo	Thursday	Lynchburg	23 Mar.
Noakes, Mr. Samuel G.	Friday	Winchester	22 June
Nimmo, Mr. Henry	Monday	Albemarle Co.	9 Nov.
Nuckols, Mrs. Richard	29 Nov.	Rockbridge Co.	7 Dec.
O'Keefe, Eugene	last week	Texas	9 Mar.
Overton, Mrs. Spencer	Friday	nr Staunton	20 Apr.
Osborne, Miss Sophronia	Thursday	Greenbrier Co., WV	6 July
O'Donnell, Mrs. Jane	28 July	Staunton	3 Aug.
Olenger, Miss	Sunday	Fauquier Co.	21 Sep.
Opie, Mr. Hite/Hiram L.	9 Sep.	coast of Florida	28 Sep. & 16 Nov.
Parkhurst, Charles (female)	Sunday	Watsonville, CA	6 Jan.
Paine, Wm. G.	12 Jan.	Hanover Co.	20 Jan.
Price, Jacob	15 Jan.	Shenandoah Co.	20 Jan.
Polmer, Mr. Wm. G.	Wednesday	nr Greenville, Augusta Co.	27 Jan.
Preston, Elizabeth Randolph	27 Jan.	Richmond	10 Feb.
Peck, George	10 Jan.	Montgomery Co., MD	24 Feb.
Paul, Mrs. Susan	17 Feb.	Augusta Co.	2 Mar.
Parsons, James	27 Feb.	Huntington, WV	9 Mar.
Phillips, James Fergus	2 Mar.	Staunton	9 Mar.
Phares, Mr. Adam J.	13 Mar.	nr Willow Spout, Augusta Co.	23 Mar.
Payne, Silas	Monday	Fauquier Co.	30 Mar.
Pendleton, Judge Edmond	Friday	Winchester	30 Mar.
Pine, Miss Alice	Thursday	Frederick, MD	30 Mar.
Pleasants, Gen. Henry	last week	Pottsville, PA	6 Apr.

Pitzer, John Lewis, Esq.	6 Apr.	Alleghany Co.	13 Apr.
Percival, Robert	Sunday	nr Lynchburg	11 May
Preston, Col. Robert	Sunday	nr Blacksburg	29 June
Preston, Mrs. Robert	18 June 1823		6 July
Preston, William Patton	4 May 1848 ?	Smithfield	6 July
Pence, Mrs. Nancy	26 June	Monroe Co., WV	13 July
Parker, Capt. William	1864	Tennessee	17 Aug.
Polmer, Capt. Philip O.	Friday	Valley Mills, Augusta Co.	21 Sep.
Plecker, Mrs. Mary Susan	23 Sep.	nr Fishersville, Augusta Co.	28 Sep.
Pennybaker, Geo. M., Esq.	27 Sep.	nr Market	5 Oct.
Peaco, _____	Friday	nr Staunton	2 Nov.
Plumer, Rev. Wm. Swan, D.D., L.L.D.	22 Oct.	Baltimore, MD	2 Nov.
Pemberton, Williams S.	18 Nov.	Staunton	23 Nov.
Perry, Mrs. Mary M.	30 Nov.	Waynesboro	7 Dec.
Pulliam, James R.	3 Dec.	Staunton	7 Dec.
Preston, Jas.	12 Dec.	Fauquier Co.	
Quidor, Mr. Henry B.	23 Jan.	nr Churchville, Augusta Co.	27 Jan.
Quick, Irvine Beard	29 June	Craigsville, Augusta Co.	10 Aug.
Reed, John	Friday	nr Fort Defiance, Augusta Co.	13 Jan.
Robinson, Mr. William	13 Jan.	Alleghany Co.	20 Jan.
Ross, Bettie	26 Jan.	Rockingham Co.	3 Feb.
Riddick, Mr. Edward	Monday	Charlotte, NC	17 Feb.
Russell, Ella	Saturday	Harrisonburg	2 Mar.
Reeser, Mrs.	Monday	Shenandoah Co.	9 Mar.
Ramsey, Mr. John	5 Mar.	nr Hermitage, Augusta Co.	16 Mar.
Reamer, Mr. Solomon P.	Monday	Harrisonburg	13 Apr.
Rohr, Mr. Harrison	20 Apr.	Harrisonburg	11 May
Roller, Mr. John J.	24 May	Rockingham Co.	25 May
Richard, Mr. Edward F.	29 May	nr Mt. Sidney, Augusta Co.	1 June
Rapp, Mrs. Polly	25 May	Greenbrier Co., WV	8 June
Ruebush, Mrs. Elizabeth	10 June	nr Greenville, Augusta Co.	29 June
Rhodes, Mrs. Charity	18 June	Lexington	13 July
Richardson, son of Alfred	last week	Staunton	7 Sep.
Ranson, Mrs. Mary Eleanor	25 Sep.	Jefferson Co., WV	21 Sep.
Robertson, Miss Letitia	30 Sep.	Waynesboro	5 Oct.
Rider, Spot	21 Oct.	prob Lynchburg	9 Nov.
Riffo, Mrs. Mary	Thursday	Pointsville	30 Nov.
Smith, Alfred	26 Dec. 1879	Mt. Vernon, KY	6 Jan.
Shifflet, Lindsay	some weeks ago	Greene Co.	6 Jan.
Spinks, Thos. W.	Sunday	Jefferson Co., WV	20 Jan.
Steele, Mr. Samuel	10 Jan.	Monroe Co., WV	20 Jan.
Shelly, Mrs. Henry	several weeks since	Alleghany Co.	27 Jan.
Syme, Mrs. Ann Eliza	21 Jan.	Lewisburg, WV	27 Jan.
Sammons, Capt. C. Baxter	27 Jan.	Greenbrier Co., WV	3 Feb.
Sommers, W. M.	within last 6 months	Highland Co.	3 Feb.
Speece, Rev. Conrad	15 Feb. 1836	Staunton	10 Feb.
Simpkins, Miss Nellie	Friday	Christiansburg	17 Feb.
Smith, Simon	Tuesday	Bath Co.	17 Feb.

Smith, Mrs. Ballard	20 Jan.	Staunton	24 Feb.
Shriver, Geo. W. W.	Thursday	Wheeling, WV	2 Mar.
Stanley, Mr. Timothy	22 Feb.	Rockingham Co.	2 Mar.
Sommers, Mrs. Catherine	29 Feb.	Shenandoah Co.	9 Mar.
Smith, Mr. Jas. G.	5 Mar.	Winchester	16 Mar.
Snodgrass, Miss Eliza	last week	Sullivan Co., TN	16 Mar.
Spangler, Col. Abraham	29 Feb.	Hardy Co., WV	16 Mar.
Stewart, Dr. R. A.	8 Mar.	Highland Co.	22 Mar.
Sloat, Prof.	Saturday	Highland Co.	30 Mar.
Smith, Dr. H. Roy		Abingdon	30 Mar.
Stone, Jas. Madison Wyatt	Friday	Washington city, DC	6 Apr.
Spotts, Mr. David K.	Monday	Greenbrier Co., WV	13 Apr.
St. John, Gen. J. M.	Wednesday	White Sulphur Springs, WV	13 Apr.
Stevens, Mrs. Virginia C.	Thursday	Roanoke Co.	20 Apr.
Sprinkel, Mrs. Julia Ann	Tuesday	Harrisonburg	27 Apr.
Stiff, Mrs. B. F.	28 Apr.	Staunton	4 May
Salmon, Mrs. Geo.	7 May	Todd Co., KY	18 May
Scherer, John B., Sr.	14 May	Staunton	18 May
Steptoe, Jack	Tuesday	Lynchburg	18 May
Snodgrass, Dr. J. E.	Monday	Berkeley Co., WV	1 June
Smith, John W.	Monday	Prince Edward Co.	15 June
Smith, Gerard	Saturday	Wytheville	15 June
Squires, Mrs.	June	Middlebrook, Augusta Co.	15 June
Steele, 3 sons, ages 6, 9, 12 of Mr. Michael Steele		Monroe Co., WV	22 June
Sutter, Gen. John A.	Friday	Washington city, DC	22 June
Scott, Samuel F.	26 June	Greenbrier Co., WV	6 July
Simmons, Mrs. Ellen	24 June	Botetourt Co.	6 July
Snyder, Adam Werter	29 June	Greenbrier Co., WV	6 July
Snyder, Hermanne Turk	24 June	Greenbrier Co., WV	6 July
Sears, Rev. Barnes	Monday	Saratoga Springs, NY	13 July
Shackelford, Hon. Henry	Saturday	Culpeper Co.	13 July
Shirkey, Mrs. M. J.	14 July	Staunton	20 Juuly
Stover, Caroline	8 July	nr Mt. Sidney, Augusta Co.	20 July
Stover, Johnny	7 July	nr Parnassas, Augusta Co.	20 July
Scott, Martha Cunningham	28 June	Augusta Co.	3 Aug.
Seddon, Hon. James A.	Thursday	Goochland Co.	24 Aug.
Shaver, Mrs. Margaret	Aug./Sep.	Rockbridge Co.	7 Sep.
Simms, Joseph	Monday	Rockingham Co.	7 Sep.
Simpson, Mrs. P.	Friday	Staunton	7 Sep.
Saunderson, John	16 Aug.	nr Churchville, Augusta Co.	14 Sep.
Skaggs, A. S.	prob Sep.	Greenbrier Co., WV	21 Sep.
Shaver, Mr. Noah	4 Sep.	nr Spring Hill, Augusta Co.	28 Sep.
Smith, Mr.	Thursday	Hampshire Co., WV	5 Oct.
Smith, Mrs. Anna	26 Aug.	nr Brock's Yellow	5 Oct.
		Massanutten Springs	
Sarbaugh, Michael	26 Sep.	Woodstock	12 Oct.
Sharpe, daughter of Rufus	few days ago	Sussex Co.	2 Nov.
Smails, Thomas	Friday	Staunton	2 Nov.
Stanley, Rosa	Thursday	Kanawha Co., WV	9 Nov.
Shepperson, Mr. Elisha	yesterday	Staunton	23 Nov.
Summerson, Mr. Richard	Saturday	Staunton	23 Nov.
Say, Daniel	Tuesday	Norfolk	14 Dec.

Smith, Miss Augusta V.	8 Dec.	Staunton	14 Dec.
Smith, Frank	7 Dec.	Waynesboro	14 Dec.
Todd, Mr. Royall	Sunday	Richmond	10 Feb.
Taylor, Wm. F.	Friday	Richmond	16 Mar.
Trimble, Mr. Wm.	9 Mar.	Highland Co.	16 Mar.
Taylor, Mr. David	28 Mar.	Staunton	30 Mar.
Tusing, Mrs. Moses	27 Apr.	Rockingham Co.	4 May
Truedell, Joseph	Tuesday	Central City, Dakota Territory	18 May
Turpin, Mr. Edward A.	Tuesday	Philadelphia, PA	29 June
Tucker, John Randolph, Jr.	Monday	Richmond	13 July
Tolly, Mrs. Mary	8 Sep.	Rockbridge Co.	21 Sep.
Towberman, Miss Susan C.	14 Oct.	Augusta Co.	26 Oct.
Taylor, Mrs. Catherine	25 Nov.	nr Greenville, Augusta Co.	7 Dec.
Tucker, children of Antonio	Thursday	Prince George Co.	21 Dec.
Trimble, Charlie H.	20 Dec.	nr Swoope's Depot, Augusta Co.	28 Dec.
Urdike, John B.	wk before last	Rockbridge Co.	11 May
Vawter, Mrs. Clara S.	29 June	Monroe Co., WV	13 July
Valentine, Edward Hampton	25 Nov.	Charlottesville	7 Dec.
Wells, John	Friday	Jefferson Co., WV	6 Jan.
Willson, Mary F.	25 Dec. 1879	Rockbridge Co.	6 Jan.
Wells, Burnett	few wks ago	Pulaski Co.	13 Jan.
Williams, George	Monday	Brownsville, TN	13 Jan.
Wood, Scott	Saturday	Albemarle Co.	20 Jan.
Wallace, Wm. K.	14 Jan.	nr Craigsville, Augusta Co.	27 Jan.
Wilson, Mr. R. P.	Tuesday	Rockingham Co.	27 Jan.
Wilson, Rev. Norval	some time ago	New Orleans, LA	27 Jan.
Wilson, Mr. James	Wednesday	nr Churchville, Augusta Co.	3 Feb.
Wallace, Page	2 Feb.	nr Leesburg	24 Feb.
Wine, Rev. Jacob	Saturday	Shenandoah Co.	2 Mar.
Womack, Mr. Mat	Monday	Monroe Co., WV	2 Mar.
Webb, daughter Mr. John Webb	Sunday	nr Farmville	9 Mar.
Wade, Rev. Anderson	Friday	Richmond	30 Mar.
Williams, Harry	Sunday	Fauquier Co.	30 Mar.
Williams, James	about 10 years ago	Fauquier Co.	30 Mar.
Wright, Lee	17 Mar.	in Greenbrier River	30 Mar.
Watson, Perry	Thursday	Lunenburg Co.	6 Apr.
Wayland, Robert Porterfield	15 mar.	Colorado	6 Apr.
Woodward, Mrs. Hester A.	Thursday	Lexington	6 Apr.
Witherspoon, Henry	11 Apr.	Rockbridge Co.	20 Apr.
Wells, Miss Mattie	Thursday	Petersburg	27 Apr.
Walker, Mrs. Jane	22 Apr.	Rockingham Co.	4 May
Webb, Dr. Joseph T.	Tuesday	Minneapolis, MN	4 May
Williams, Lewis B.	Wednesday	prob Orange Co.	4 May
Walker, Joseph, Esq.	30 Apr.	Rockbridge Co.	11 May
Whitmore, Mary Alice	1 May	nr Spring Hill, Augusta Co.	11 May
Whitmore, Sarah	21 Apr.	nr Spring Hill, Augusta Co.	11 May
Wright, Harry Wilson	23 Apr.	Lexington	11 May
Whitlock, Mrs. B. V.	Tuesday	Charlottesville	18 May

Waddell, Dr. J. Addison	Friday	New Hope, Augusta Co.	25 May
Wood, Tom	Thursday	Page Co.	1 June
Woody, Mr. James	Thursday	Reidsville, NC	1 June
Williams, Edie	Thursday	Richmond	8 June
Warren, Mrs. Harriet	3 June	Harrisonburg	15 June
Weaver, Magdalene	22 June	Rockingham Co.	29 June
Welch, Thos.	Thursday	Greenbrier Co., WV	6 July
Wilson, Miss Fannie	24 June	Rockbridge Co.	6 July
Williams, Oswald Lee	17 July	Cincinnati, OH	20 July
Wilson, Mrs. Ellen J.	25 July	Rockbridge Co.	3 Aug.
Wise, Mr. Michael G.	26 July	Highland Co.	3 Aug.
Walker, Mrs. W. W., Jr.	Friday	Charlottesville	7 Sep.
Wartman, Mrs. Amanda J.	7 Sep.	Harrisonburg	14 Sep.
Welch, Capt. John A.	Thursday	Lewisburg, WV	14 Sep.
Whitmore, Mrs. Clara Maggie	24 Sep.	nr Burketown, Augusta Co.	26 Oct.
Watkins, William	Tuesday	Rockingham Co.	2 Nov.
White, Mrs. Harriet	14 Oct.	Randolph Co., WV	2 Nov.
Wright, Henry	23 Oct.	nr Newport, Augusta Co.	2 Nov.
Wright, Peter	Friday	Bedford Co.	2 Nov.
Wilson, Mr. Jos. B.	Monday	Rockbridge Co.	9 Nov.
Wilson, Robert	Tuesday	Rockbridge Co.	9 Nov.
Wright, Robert	Tuesday	Staunton	16 Nov.
Woodson, Mr. Lindsay	Monday	Albemarle Co.	23 Nov.
Wall, Miss Emma	29 Nov.	Fauquier Co.	21 Dec.
Wehn, Mrs. Rebecca Strickler	15 Dec.	Staunton	21 Dec.
Womack, Mr. M. R.	Monday	Halifax Co.	21 Dec.
Xaupi, Mrs. H. L.	26 Nov.	Staunton	7 Nov.
Young, Capt. Wm. T.	Friday	Page Co.	24 Feb.
Yancey, Charles S.	14 Nov.	Harrisonburg	23 Nov.
Zoll, Mrs. Jane	26 Feb.	Monroe Co., WV	9 Mar.
Zicafoose, Miss Lizzie	20 May	Greenbrier Co., WV	8 June
Zielin, Lt. W. F.	Friday	Norfolk	8 June
Zigler, Mrs. Annie	15 Sep.	Rockingham Co.	28 Sep.
Zoll, Mr. Frank	Thursday	Kanawha Co., WV	5 Oct.

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